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BUREAU OF FIRE SERVICES
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STATE FIRE SAFETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES (SFSB) Thursday, December 3, 2015

Members Present

Lynn Artman
Mike Deprez
John Enkemann – Vice Chair
Donald Hicks
Amy Hodson
Mark Jensen
Dean Mallos – Chair
Dave Piche
Kassandra Renneberg
Ron Sabin

Members Absent

David Henry
David Herbal
Greg Herman
Andrew Lenaghan
Thomas Lippens
John Wozniak

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Personnel

Cathy Carson, LARA/BFS, Executive Secretary to the Board

Call To Order and Determination of Quorum

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. Chair Mallos asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Mallos requested a moment of silence for public safety officers and the military. Roll Call by Board Secretary Cathy Carson determined that a quorum was present. Chair Mallos gave emergency exiting procedures. Chair Mallos welcomed everyone. Introductions were made by board members and guests.

Agenda

Chair Mallos requested any additions, deletions or changes to the agenda.

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Enkemann to approve the agenda as amended for Thursday, December 3, 2015. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Renneberg. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Disposition of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Renneberg to approve the minutes as amended for Thursday, October 15, 2015. **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Sabin. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Bureau of Fire Services Report

Bureau Updates

Acting State Fire Marshal Mike Deprez (SFM) reported on the current status for the open position of State Fire Marshal. There have reportedly been five applicant names presented to the Governor's office for review.

Fireworks Program

The 2016 fireworks program will start accepting applications, beginning January 1, 2016. The delegate program applications were accepted beginning April 2015 through November 2015. This upcoming year there will be 74 local delegates that will actually work with BFS in regards to the regulatory nature of the program. This will cover 136 jurisdictions and 27 counties. There will be 139 local inspectors working alongside our inspectors, which includes 33 new inspectors. The challenge is to bring the new inspectors up to date on the regulations and how to apply NFPA 1124. BFS will begin accepting applications, from retailers beginning January 1, 2016.

Field Services

The BFS has made a concentrated effort to increase training to both the Storage Tank and Fire Inspectors to offer NFPA training on codes, regulations and rule updates. The training will also be provided to the Plan Reviewers on the fire alarm systems.

Funding has been secured to send Fire Field Inspectors to the Fire Inspector Conference. This conference will provide the Inspectors with the latest updated information and critical CE points for their continued education or recertification. In the Fall of 2015 all the field staff were sent to the conference and the plan for 2016 is to send 50% of the Inspectors to the winter conference and the other 50% to the fall conference. The supervisors will attend both winter and fall conferences. The Fire Service Instructors is one of the largest Associations across the country for the fire inspectors. We are pleased that we can continue this educational training.

Statutory Authority

Per the Governor's initiative, all boards and councils are to work within their statutory authority for each Division. In the past the BFS was tracking all the credits for the Certified Fire Inspectors. Whenever a State certified fire inspector would complete a course or training, they would submit their paperwork the BFS, who would then maintain this information and after the three year license period, the BFS would issue a new certificate. The software program used to track this information has not been used or supported by the state for the past 6 years. Each individual fire inspector will now maintain their own CE's. There will be a recertification process where they will apply for recertification at the end of three years. The BFS will institute an audit process to randomly audit this process.

Storage Tank Division

The Storage Tank Division (STD) is maintaining and building a strong relationship with the stake holder group and has been meeting on an every other month basis to open communication and dialog to make a concentrated effort update the rules. The STD will follow in line to implement the Accela program; for the past month the Accela developers have been building the program so that we can have implementation by May 2016.

Plan Review

The Plan Review division will follow to implement the Accela program. The advantage of this program is that we will be able to tag on to the Bureau of Health Care (BCC) in regards to plan review world. One of the components of integrated software that all plans will be filed electronically, which will allow architects, planners and contractors to work from a central depositor share electronic plans. This will be a streamline process with automatic notification, which will also be foot printed so that we can tell who worked on the plan, when and what changes were made. From a quality assurance standpoint this will be beneficial to us. Officially/unofficially Bureau of Construction Code (BCC) went live with the Accela program at the beginning of the month, and as with any new software implementation there are glitches that need to be ironed out. We have chosen four of the larger architects to begin submitting plans electronically on a trial basis beginning in January 2016 to make sure the programs working. Hopefully within the next 3 months this program will be up and fully functional.

Fire Fighter Training Division (FFTD)

The BFS is limited on staffing, and has not filled the Manager's position for the division. The Fire Fighter Training Council (FFTC) has approved the Act 291 rules and has been submitted to legislative service going through informal editing. Once this information is returned to the FFTC to make sure everything is accurate and then submitted to public hearing and the final implementation. The SMOKE system has been plagued with bugs, which we are feverishly working with the devolvement team to tweak the bugs which has been an ongoing process.

Legislative Update

SB 372: Introduced by Sen. Dale W. Zorn (R) on June 4, 2015 A bill to amend 1966 PA 291, entitled "Firefighters Training Council Act," by amending section 9 (MCL 29.369), as amended by 2013 PA 166. The Senate has passed the bill – Approved.

This bill will be beneficial to the BFS for the obvious reasons;

- If you are a fire fighter trained out of state and the training received for FFI and or FFII was internationally accredited, we will automatically take that certification and grant you reciprocity or a Michigan certification.
- This will be easier on the applicant – not repeating courses and paying unnecessary fees.
- This should open the door for our local governments to secure a better applicant pool.

BFS has been making internal changes rapidly, and finalizing an official application with a means for the applicant to attach all of their certifications so that we can validate their information, make provisions in our system to log the applicant into our SMOKE system were the applicant will be able to print out their own certificate to show they are a certified Michigan firefighter.

SB 494: Introduced by Senator Judy K. Emmons, June 2016 Amending the Fire Prevention Code; “lock block device”, currently sitting in committee. This bill would allow the use of lock block devices on classroom doors and certain types of door locks; Amends 1941 PA207 (MCL29.1 – 29.33) by adding sec. 3f. The State Fire Marshal’s office continues to express concern regarding SB494 as the use of such devices is in conflict with NFPA code requirements.

New Business

SFSB Firework Appeals to issue decision December 3, 2015

1. Citation FW15232 called to order at 1:39 p.m., issued to Pricilla A. Tipton, received 07/30/15 has been upheld, adjourned 1:41 p.m.
2. Citation FW15579 called to order at 1:42 p.m., issued to David A. Wardowski, received 06/20/15 has been upheld, adjourned 1:43 p.m.
3. Citation FW15021 called to order at 1:44 p.m., issued to Shanteice Ruby Kelly, received 07/03/15 has been upheld, adjourned 1:45 p.m.

Public Comments

Board member Enkemann congratulated the BFS on how the number of fireworks appeals being process has tremendously dropped since the firework program first started.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.**, at 3101 Technology Blvd., Suite H, Lansing, MI.

Adjourn

A **MOTION** was made by Board Member Renneberg and **MOTION SUPPORTED** by Board Member Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approved

Dean Mallos

Chair, State Fire Safety Board

1/6/16

Date

Dean Mallos

Printed Name of State Fire Safety Board Chair